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In re Application of  
Betty Shu Mercer et al.  
Application No. 10/828,592  
Filed: April 21, 2004  
Attorney Docket No. TI 36275

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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 19, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.


The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, June 9, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on September 10, 2006.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See *In re Application of S.*, 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1590 extension of time fee submitted on January 8, 2007 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at (571) 272-2991.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2891 for appropriate action on the amendment filed January 8, 2007.

  
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